

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of assembling a portable stand for a fire
5 extinguisher, the stand comprising a case, a pylon, and a
base, the case having a rear wall and a bottom wall, the
pylon having a front surface, an open bottom with an outer
flange, and a top that is narrower than the outer flange at
the bottom, the base having a central opening in its upper
10 and lower surfaces, the method comprising the steps of:
 inserting the top of the pylon upwardly through the
 central opening until the outer flange engages the base;
 mounting the case onto the front surface of the pylon;
 and
15 positioning the fire extinguisher inside the case such
 that it rests on the bottom wall.
2. The method of assembling a portable stand for a fire
extinguisher as recited in claim 1, wherein the bottom of the
20 pylon and the central opening in the base are generally
 rectangular.
3. The method of assembling a portable stand for a fire
extinguisher as recited in claim 2, wherein the rear wall has
25 two apertures, and wherein the front surface has two
 apertures, and wherein the step of mounting the case onto the
 pylon comprises vertically aligning the apertures in the rear

wall of the case with the apertures in the front surface of the pylon, inserting two screws through the apertures and turning the screws with a screwdriver until they are locked into place.

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4. A method of storing a plurality of portable stands for a fire extinguisher, each stand comprising a case, a pylon having a top, a front surface, and an open bottom with an outer edge, and a base having a central opening in its upper and lower surfaces, the method comprising the iterative steps of:

detaching the case from the pylon of each stand;
separating the pylon and the base of each stand;
stacking the pylons; and

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stacking the bases.

5. The method of storing a plurality of portable stands for a fire extinguisher as recited in claim 4, wherein the step of stacking the pylons comprises the iterative steps of:

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standing up a first pylon such that its bottom rests on a ground surface;

positioning a second pylon over the first pylon such that its bottom surrounds the top of the first pylon; and

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lowering the second pylon onto the first pylon such that the front surface of the second pylon is adjacent to, and nearly co-extensive with, the front surface of the first pylon.

6. The method of storing a plurality of portable stands for a fire extinguisher as recited in claim 5, wherein the step of stacking the bases comprises the iterative steps of:

5 placing the lower surface of a first base adjacent to the ground surface;

positioning a second base over the first base such that its central opening is vertically aligned with the central opening of the first base; and

10 lowering the second base onto the first base.

7. A method of using a portable stand for a fire extinguisher that has components including a case for holding the fire extinguisher, a pylon, and a base, the method

15 comprising the steps of:

assembling the stand;

displaying the stand at a work site;

disassembling the stand; and

storing the components.

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8. The method of using a portable stand for a fire extinguisher as recited in claim 7, wherein the step of assembling the stand comprises the steps of:

attaching the pylon to the base;

25 attaching the case to the pylon; and

placing the fire extinguisher inside the case.

9. The method of using a portable stand for a fire
extinguisher as recited in claim 8, wherein the step of
attaching the pylon to the base comprises inserting the top
of the pylon upwardly through the central opening of the
5 base.

10. The method of using a portable stand for a fire
extinguisher as recited in claim 9, wherein the step of
disassembling the stand comprises the steps of:

10 removing the fire extinguisher from the case;
detaching the case from the pylon; and
separating the base from the pylon.

11. The method of using a portable stand for a fire
15 extinguisher as recited in claim 10, wherein the step of
storing the components comprises the steps of:

placing the pylon on top of another pylon of the same
type; and

placing the base on top of another base of the same
20 type.